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Date: April 28, 2004

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Official Action dated April 1, 2004.

We acknowledge the restriction of the Application into Group I, including Claims 1 - 3 and 7 - 8, Group II, including Claims 4 - 6 and 16 - 20, Group III, including Claims 9 - 13, Group IV, including Claims 14 - 15, and Group V, including Claims 21 - 22.

We hereby elect Group I, including Claims 1 - 3 and 7 - 8, without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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